



## **COLLEGE COACHES OF THE YEAR**

**Bob Taylor (Oakland University)**

We are pleased to announce two very outstanding coaches as our College Coaches of the Year for 1988. This is the second year BCAM has honored college coaches. But what a job! Many men and women coaches names came before the committee. However, after much deliberation, the committee voted and is proud to announce the selection of **Patti Tibaldi** of Aquinas College and **Ben Braun** of Eastern Michigan University as this year's **College Coaches of the Year**.

Patti has had much success both as a high school coach and as a college coach. Her record at Aquinas in 190-76 for her 10 years there. Since joining NAIA, the Saints have qualified for post season play every year. This year they ended the season at the third ranked team in the nation in team scoring defense, holding their opponents to an average of 50.7 points per game, and earning Patti the NAIA District 23 Coach of the Year for the second time in the last three years.

Ben is just in his second full year as head coach of Eastern Michigan. He guided his Hurons to the MAC Championship title this year, and was named MAC Coach of the Year. It may also be surprising for some followers of MAC basketball to know that Ben has more career wins than any other coach in the league. Before joining Eastern, Ben was at Siena Heights, and was the winningest head coach of all of the four-year colleges and universities in Michigan from 1978-84 when his squads won 140 games.